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Used Christmas Trees Wanted

GRAFTON, WEST VIRGINIA – Don't send your live-cut Christmas tree to the trash after the holidays! Donate it to the Christmas Tree Recycling Program sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at [Tygart Lake](#) in partnership with the City of Grafton. Recycling used trees saves landfill space, helps to protect the environment and improves fish habitats. All trees donated will be used for fish attractor projects at Tygart Lake. The donated trees will be anchored along the Tygart shoreline in February while the lake level is low so that when the lake returns to its summer levels the trees will act as artificial reefs, providing enhanced habitat for the lake's fish and improved fishing opportunities in Tygart Lake.

Residents and merchants with unsold trees can donate them by bringing them to the drop-off site under Bridge Street, near the Grafton City Garage. Trees will be accepted through January 31, 2008.

To be suitable for fish attractor projects trees should be as free of decorations as possible, please remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, garland, stands and plastic bags from the tree. Artificial or flocked trees (with artificial snow) cannot be accepted because they pose a hazard to wildlife. Loose limbs that have been pruned from trees or used for making garlands also cannot be accepted.

For more information or questions regarding the Christmas Tree Recycling Program call the Tygart Lake Office at 304-265-1750, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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